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# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### Executive Order 54

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#### **ENERGY CONSERVATION BY STATE AGENCIES**

Wise use of taxpayer dollars and efficiency and economy in government demands that state agencies are prudent in their use of energy. By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Chapter 1 of Title 2.2 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby direct the Governor's Secretaries and all executive branch agencies to reduce energy costs and consumption in state government operations. I hereby set a short-term goal of all agencies reducing energy consumption by at least seven percent by 2004, when compared to a 2002 baseline. I further set an intermediate goal of reducing energy usage by at least 10 percent by 2006 relative to a 2002 baseline, with a long-term goal of reducing energy consumption by the maximum event feasible.

#### **Responsibilities of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy**

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) shall be responsible for providing technical assistance to state agencies in achieving energy consumption savings. Specifically, DMME shall accomplish the following:

- Review, revise, and maintain the Virginia Energy Plan through collaboration with other state agencies,
- Draw on expertise of other agencies and Virginia businesses to ensure that state agencies conserve energy to the maximum extent feasible, and
- Maintain a system to monitor and report energy costs and consumption for state-owned facilities.

#### **Responsibilities of All Executive Branch Agencies**

Each executive agency and institution shall accomplish the following:

- Implement an energy management plan in an orderly and timely manner and undertake modifications to internal agency operations and programs consistent with the goal of reducing energy consumption to the maximum extent feasible, and
- Monitor and report energy costs and consumption and progress on implementation of the energy management plan to DMME.
- Use the Energy Efficiency and Operational Performance Contracting Act as a procurement mechanism to accomplish these energy conservation projects.

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order 56 (1999), Virginia Energy Plan, issued by the Honorable James S. Gilmore on September 3, 1999.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2006, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2003.

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Mark R. Warner, Governor

Attest:

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Secretary of the Commonwealth